18 mills has to be decided. Cases of 17 of the closed mills found to be viable were under consideration of BIFR.

Nationalisation of Textile Industry

2037. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to nationalise the textiles industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Nationalisation does not provide solution to the problem of sickness. However, decisions are taken on merits of each mill keeping in view its viability and other relevant aspects.

Central Assistance for Improving Ground Water Level in Andhra Pradesh

2038. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) wheter it is a fact that the ground Water level is gradually going down in some parts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Central Government have any proposal to deploy experts so as to formulate schemes through which the ground water level can quickly be retrieved;

(c) whether Central Government are also considering to finance such ground water retrieval programme in the State; and

(d) if so, how much assistance has been given to Andhra Pradesh during 1989-90 for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Declines in ground water levels ranging from 0.03 m to 8.87 m. have been recorded in certain localised pockets of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) to (d) The matter is under consideration.

Grant of Special Central Assistance under Tribal area Sub-Plan for Minor Irrigation Works in Andhra Pradesh

2039. SHRI TALRI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how much special central assistance under tribal area sub-plan was contemplated to be given to Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period for minor irrigation works;

(b) how much amount has actually been allocated so far for this purpose; and

(c) how much special Central assistance is likely to be provided during the remaning period of the plan for the above purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (c) Funds have been allocated by the Central Government to Andhra Pradesh for the implementation of tribal area Sub-Plan including Minor Irribation. Sectorwise break-up of funds is not made. During first four years of VII Plan (1985-86 to 1988-89) Special Central assistance of Rs. 832.382 lakhs has been utilised for minor Irrigation works. An amount of Rs. 422.75 lakhs has been allocated for this purpose during 1989-90.

News-item Captioned "MP Demands Probe against UCO Bank"

2040. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item cap-